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OAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members:

I hope everyone enjoyed Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, one of my favorite months of the year.

Due to all of your support, Mayor Bowser's 2015 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration, held on May 26th at the Lansburgh Theatre, was a huge success. I would like to personally thank all those who attended, performed, and provided support in order to make this celebration one to remember.

Even though AAPI Heritage Month is over, AAPIs continue to make great contributions to the District every day. This is why I will continue to be a strong advocate for the community, no matter the month, and will work to ensure that the District's AAPI community has equal access to government services and programs. The national theme for this past May focused on equity and inclusion and this will certainly continue to ring true for my agency as we move forward in our work.

After a month long of AAPI Heritage Month festivities, my "Office Hours in the Community" will resume this month. Starting on June 9th at Chinatown's Wah Luck House, I will be holding office hours in all of the District's 8 Wards on a weekly basis. Come by and bring your concerns or pop in just to say hi!

June is also the beginning of summer, which means it's parade season! Please join Mayor Bowser for the Capitol Pride Parade on June 13th at 3:30 pm and the Palisade Parade on July 4th at 10 am. OAPIA staff and myself will be joining as well, so come walk with us.

Warm regards,

David Do
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



OAPIA News



Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

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OAPIA is Recruiting Grant Reviewers for FY 2016

OAPIA is recruiting a panel of (up to 10) experienced professionals to help evaluate the grant applications that we receive for the 2015 - 2016 program year. The primary focus of the grant is programs that provide direct services to the District's AAPI community that address at least one of the following areas: Employment; Small Business Support; Public Education; Public Safety; Housing Services; Legal Services; Health and Human Services; Arts, Culture and Humanities; Domestic Violence Intervention.

We are looking for a diverse group of volunteer reviewers that have management, evaluation, planning or implementation experience in any of the aforementioned areas.

Reviewers will read, score and evaluate proposals. The grant review period is during August to September 2015. The review can be conducted via your own computer and we will either email or mail you copies of the applications.

To apply, please email your resume to:

Dory Peters
dory.peters@dc.gov
(202) 727-3120

Please submit resumes no later than June 30, 2015.

Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer reviewer and for sharing this announcement with others who may be interested.

OAPIA Welcomes First Summer Intern

The bustling summer internship season has arrived in the District once again. OAPIA will be hosting five interns this summer from June to August. Interns will have the opportunity to work on community outreach, language access issues, and intergovernmental affairs.

Our first summer intern Kenny Chung began his internship this past Monday, June 1st.



Kenny Chung joins the Office on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs from the City College Partnership, where he served as the Partnership Associate and a key member of the Steering Committee. His role encompassed assisting the Executive Director with long term strategies, coordinating special events and managing relationships with foundation, government, and non-governmental organization partners.

With years of community service experience, Kenny's value and impact drives positive change to meet the challenges of today's political environment by highlighting innovative solutions that will help shape the future of diversity. Previously, he has worked on different projects that focused on verticals such as advocacy, civil rights, outreach, performance improvement, student engagement, and talent

Kenny Chung

acquisition.

Currently, Kenny is a candidate for a Master's of Public Administration within the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at City College. Upon acceptance to the program, he was awarded the Public Service Management Scholarship from the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service and chosen to take part in the graduate Washington D.C. Summer Semester Program.

OAPIA in the Community

OAPIA Hosts Mayor Bowser's 2015 Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration



Mayor Bowser Presenting OAPIA Director David Do the "May is AAPI Heritage Month" Proclamation

On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, over four hundred community members attended the Mayor's Annual Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Celebration held at the Lansburgh Theatre.

The celebration included an awards ceremony where Mayor Bowser's Community Service Award was awarded to Ben de Guzman, a longtime influential figure in the LGBTQ AAPI community. OAPIA and the Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs also awarded the Ajay K. Ojha Volunteer Service Award to John Tinpe for his exceptional volunteerism in the District's AAPI community.

Performances throughout the night featured a variety of cultural performances including a classical Chinese Peacock Dance, a Taekwondo Hip-Hop Performance, a Punjabi Folk Dance, and more.

For more photos, please visit [here](#).

OAPIA Attends GABRIELA DC's Family Day



OAPIA Community Outreach Coordinator Ngoc Trinh with GABRIELA DC members

OAPIA Director David Do and Community Outreach Coordinator Ngoc Trinh attended GABRIELA DC's Family Day at Haines Point on Memorial Day to stay connected with the community, hear their issues and inform them on the District government's services.

GABRIELA Washington, D.C. was born out of the the ILAW Program for Survivor Empowerment. ILAW developed in the Washington, D.C. metro area when trafficked Filipino teachers started to seek support from each other as well as the broader Filipino community. The program, which still continues under GABRIELA Washington, D.C., seeks to shed light on the systemic root problems that lead to forced migration that leaves many migrants vulnerable to trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Key components of ILAW are empowerment through unity, education, and information on legal and social services.

For more information on GABRIELA DC, please email info@gabrieladc.org.

OAPIA Celebrated AAPI Heritage Month at the DC Public School Takoma Education Campus



OAPIA Community Outreach Assistant Kangeun Jeong with attendees

On May 28, 2015, OAPIA Community Outreach Assistant Kangeun (Kelly) Jeong participated in a special class at the Takoma Education Campus to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month. She spoke about OAPIA's mission and shared her personal story as a Asian American community member in the District. Over 50 students and faculty members attended the class.

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

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CALL TO ARTISTS: Request for Proposals

Chinatown Barnes Dance Public Art Project

Total Budget: \$30,000

Deadline for Submissions: June 29, 2015, 5:00 PM EST

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH) in partnership with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the DC Office of Planning (OP) and the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is pleased to announce the Chinatown Barnes Dance Public Art Project, a new public art initiative designed to enhance the crosswalk at 7th and H Streets NW with artwork. DCCAH is seeking proposals for two-dimensional artwork to be applied with paint to the high-visibility crosswalk.

For complete guidelines, please click [here](#).

Eligibility:

This opportunity is open to professional artists over the age of 18 based in the

Washington, DC metropolitan area (including surrounding areas in Maryland and Virginia within a 50 mile radius of the District) with special preference given to artists living in Washington, DC.

Budget:

The total project budget will be \$30,000.00, which includes artist design fee and all costs associated with project execution including installation, assistants as needed, materials and travel.

Deadline:

Submissions must be received by 5:00 PM EST on Monday, June 29, 2015.

For more information on how to apply, please visit DCCAH's website [here](#).

For questions, please contact the following DCCAH staff members:

Elizabeth Carriger, Public Art Coordinator, elizabeth.carriger@dc.gov, 202-724-5613

Tonya Jordan, Public Art Manager, tonya.jordan@dc.gov, 202-724-5613

6/6 - 8th Annual Touch Truck

The public is invited to attend a free, citywide "Truck Touch" Saturday, June 6, 2015, from 8 am to 1 pm at RFK Stadium, Lot 7. A host of DC government agencies will present and demonstrate nearly 30 vehicles used to clean and repair streets, change traffic lights, collect refuse, clear snow, provide emergency services, administer mobile health care, and more.

This is the city's eighth Truck Touch, which is coordinated annually by the DC Department of Public Works. Its popularity throughout the Washington metropolitan area over the years has led visitor attendance to grow from several hundred to several thousand. Last year, more than 3,000 residents came out to climb on packer, sweeper and boom trucks; sit atop MPD's Mounted Unit's police horse and maneuver the levers of a police chopper; ride Segways, and test drive electric sedan vehicles. Residents also learned how potholes are repaired, sewers are vacuumed, and received information about vital city services.

DC's Citywide Truck Touch features vehicles from the District departments of Public Works, Transportation, Health, Employment Services, Parks and Recreation, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the DC Water and Sewer Authority. Other agencies will also be available to provide direct services and disseminate information about other DC government agencies.

When: June 6, 2015

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: RFK Stadium, Lot 7

2400 E Capitol St SE

Washington, DC 20003

For more information, please contact Department of Public Works at (202) 673-6833. The flyer can be found [here](#).

6/11 - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Ward 3 Check-In

DHCD is conducting a three month community meeting series in all eight wards. These meetings are designed to seek feedback and suggestions from community

members to help shape the future of affordable housing throughout the District. Additionally, the agency seeks to inform residents, business owners, and other community members of the agency's programs and services, current and future projects, and the Fiscal year (FY) 2016 affordable housing budget.

Ward 3

When: June 11, 2015

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Woodrow Wilson High School
3950 Chesapeake Street NW
Washington, DC 20016

For a complete list of check-ins at other wards, please visit [here](#).

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

The OAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing OAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

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The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

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